

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-40 remain pending in the application.

The drawings stand objected to because Figures 10-12 are too dark to recognize. In response, replacement Figures 10-12 are being submitted herewith. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

The title of the invention was indicated to be not descriptive. A new title is being submitted and is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Knowles (4,017,143) in view of Yaegashi (4,737,114). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that Knowles teaches away from the addition of the slot. As noted in column 3, lines 29-32: "The tape bring arms 28 of central section 14 provide uniformly stressed beam sections which allow the outer diameter of the central section 14 to better conform to the inside diameter of various sized apertures 34." Further, the slot 42 formed by opposing tapered arms 28 provides resilience and allows the Knowles contact to be easily inserted into an aperture. Each of the independent claims 1, 19, 20, 21, 39 and 40 include the slot in the center section or the C-shaped cross section. Thus, the ordinary artisan would need look no further than Knowles. Further, Yaegashi is directed to a different problem as stated in column 1, lines 41-43: "Recently, electronic parts are densely mounted on a circuit board, and the diameter of pleaded apertures has become smaller than before." The fact that the apertures have become smaller, results in the problem noted in column 4, lines 5-9: "In addition to the compliant property of the legs, the shear ends at the upper and lower ends of a thin slot are compressed inwardly, thus facilitating the fitting operation and reducing the possibility of damaging the plated aperture." Thus, Yaegashi is only directed to reducing the damage to the plated aperture as opposed to making the insertion of the contact into the aperture easier. For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention reciting claims 1-40 is patentable over this combination of references. Accordingly, the obviousness rejection should be

withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached are replacement Figures 10-12.